



ASEAN Economic Community Trade Facilitation and Regional Connectivity

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ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

SINGLE MARKET AND PRODUCTION BASE

Free flow of goods

Free flow of services

Free flow of investment

Free flow of capital

Free flow of skilled labor

Priority Integration Sectors

Food, Agriculture and Forestry

COMPETITIVE ECONOMIC REGION

Competition policy

Consumer Protection

Intellectual Property Rights

Infrastructure development

Taxation

e-Commerce

EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SME development

Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI)

Integration into the Global Economy

Coherent Approach towards External Economic Relations

Enhanced participation in global supply networks

Human Resource Development

Research and Development



ASEAN Economic Community

- Importance:
 - Leveraging on size, potentials and economies of scale
 - Economic Hub of East Asia
 - Managing external shocks
 - ASEAN Centrality in the Emerging Regional Architecture



ASEAN Economic Integration - Progress

- 1st January 2010:
 - Realisation of ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA)
 - Realisation of FTAs: China, Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand and India



ASEAN Economic Integration - Progress

- Chiang-Mai Initiative Multilateralisation
- Entry into force of ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)
- Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity



ASEAN Economic Integration & Trade Facilitation

- ATIGA – provisions on ASEAN Trade Repository:

- Tariff nomenclature
- All tariff schedules & Related ROOs of ASEAN, including NTMs
- National & Customs laws, Regulations/Procedures & documentary requirements/Admin rulings/best practices
- List of authorised traders



ASEAN Economic Integration & Trade Facilitation

- ASEAN Trade Facilitation Work Programme
- ASEAN Customs Declaration Document
- Streamlining ASEAN Operational Certification Procedures
- ASEAN Single Window – Pilot project



ASEAN Economic Integration & Trade Facilitation

- Standards & Conformance – ASEAN Cosmetic Directive – 31 December 2010 – full implementation
- Mutual recognition arrangement – ASEAN Harmonised Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime (AHEEERR)



Trade Facilitation - Challenges

- Allocation of adequate financial resources
- Trade facilitation – nested in various agencies – making comprehensive approach difficult – lacks ownership
- Delay in transposition of regional commitments into national regulation
- Lack of understanding/Capacity building



Trade Facilitation

- Master Plan on Connectivity

- Physical Connectivity
- Institutional Connectivity
- People-to-People Connectivity



Trade Facilitation in ASEAN

- Conclusion

- Trade facilitation to contribute to reaping benefits of trade liberalisation
- Trade facilitation part of connectivity enhancement – ASW/MPAC
- Trade facilitation – removal of cross-border & behind-border measures
- Trade facilitation will require capacity-building at all levels and related parties



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